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Office Action Summary

Application No.	09/879,151	Applicant(s)	STENBERG, ANDERS
Examiner	C. Lynne Anderson	Art Unit	3761

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 October 2007.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1,2,5-11,19-25,44 and 45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2,5-11,19-25,44 and 45 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 31 October 2007 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-2, 5-11, 19-25, and 44-45 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

4. Claims 1-2, 5-11, and 19-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Cammarota et al. (6,307,119).

5. With respect to claim 1, Cammarota discloses an absorbent article comprising a liquid pervious topsheet 42, a liquid impervious backsheet 40, and an absorbent body

44. The backsheet 40 comprises a strip part 30 and a remaining part 34, as shown in figure 1. The strip part 30 comprises graphics having a color that is different from the color of the remaining part 34, as shown in figure 1. A wetness indicator 66 is arranged inside of the backsheet 40 in a pattern, as shown in figure 1 and described in column 21, lines 41-46. The wetness indicator 66 is disposed on the strip part 30, and facilitated by the strip part 30 having a different color than the remaining part 34 of the backsheet. The presence of the colored graphics located on the strip part 30 indicated that the diaper is a wetness-indicating diaper, and therefore the color of the strip part 30 is an indicia of the product type.

6. With respect to claim 2, the strip part 30 may comprise a separate strip of material 114 of the backsheet 40, as shown in figure 9B.

7. With respect to claims 5 and 19, the strip part 30 extends the entire length of the article, as shown in figure 2.

8. With respect to claims 6 and 20, the strip part 30 extends in the transverse direction of the article, which is intended to be folded in half at a part of the article that includes the strip part 30, as shown in figure 1.

9. With respect to claims 7, 10-11, 21, and 24-25, the strip part is between 6 and 10 cm in width, as disclosed in column 11, lines 10-13.

10. With respect to claims 8 and 22, the article comprises printed symbols, as shown in figure 1, which indicate the product type as a wetness-indicating diaper.

11. With respect to claims 9 and 23, the article is a diaper.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

12. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

13. Claims 44 and 45 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Cammarota et al. (6,307,119) in view of Miller (5,839,585).

14. Cammarota discloses all aspects of the claimed invention with the exception of the articles being packaged as a plurality of articles of at least two different sizes. Miller teaches the packaging of absorbent articles of at least two different sizes or types to provide the user with a choice of products, as disclosed in column 2, lines 17-21. It would therefore be obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to provide the absorbent articles of Cammarota in a package including a plurality of articles of at least two different sizes or types, as taught by Miller, to provide the user with a choice of products.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to C. Lynne Anderson whose telephone number is (571) 272-4932. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tanya Zalukaeva can be reached on (571) 272-1115. The fax phone

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